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1. THIS MORNING PRESS CITES A MILITARY "SOURCE"CLAIMING THAT THE TREASURY POLICE MADE THEIR RAID IN SOYAPANGO EARLY ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 7 BECAUSE THEY HAD HEARD FROM SEVERAL PEOPLE IN COLONIAS NEAR THE "SAN NICOLAS" AREA THAT NINE TERRORIST CHIEFTIANS REPRESENTING SEVERAL CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATIONS PLANNED A MEETING FOR EARLY MORNING APRIL 7. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT AT LEAST 23 PEOPLE DIED IN THE POLICE OPERATION, THE SAME SOURCE ALLEGES THAT SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO WERE WOULNDED SUCCEEDED IN ESCAPING IN THE DARKNESS.

2. THE "ARMED FORCES SOURCE" CLAIMS THAT SEVERAL PEOPLE IN THE "COLONIAS" MONTECARMELO, FLORENCIA, LA BRISA, AND "22 APRIL" HAD GIVEN INFORMATION THAT AT THE TERRORIST MEETING FUTURE PLANS FOR ASSAULTS, FIRES, ARMED ROBBERIES, ATTACKS AGAINST MILITARY UNITS AND SECURITY FORCES AND OTHER ACTS WOULD BE PLANNED.

3. THE SOURCE WENT ON TO ADD THAT THE HOUSE LOCATED AT NUMBER 16 "CALLE PRINCIPAL" IN THE SAN NICOLAS DISTRICT HAD BEEN JUDGED THE MORE IMPORTANT AMONG SEVERAL HOUSES WHICH TOGETHER WOULD BE USED TO PROTECT THE ARRIVAL AND DE-PARTURE OF THE SEVERAL GUERRILLA COMMANDERS.

4. THE PRENSA GRAFICA STORY ASSERTS THAT THE MILITARY SOURCE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE INTENTION HAD BEEN TO CAPTURE ALIVE THOSE PEOPLE ATTENDING THE MEETING BUT THAT THIS WAS FRUSTRA-TED WHEN PEOPLE IN ONE OF THE "SAFE HOUSES" OPENED FIRE. THE STORY ENDS WITH EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS FROM TREASURY POLICE TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE GIVEN INFORMATION WHICH HAS LED TO THE DISMANTLING OF GUERRILLA NESTS AND THE CAPTURE OF THEIR ARMS.

5. IN A SEPARATE BUT VERY LIKELY RELATED PRESS RELEASE TREASURY POLICE COMMANDER MORAN IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT OF 59 TREASURY POLICE AGENTS SACKED DURING THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, 38 OF THESE WERE FOR ABUSES OF AUTHORITY AND OTHER DISCIPLINARY REASONS. MORAN IS QUOTED SAYING THAT HIS

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FORCE IS ATTEMPTING AN INTERNAL CLEANUP OPERATION TO RAISE THE TREASURY POLICE TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL POSSIBLE AND TO INSURE THE PRESTIGE OF ITS AGENTS AS A GUARANTEE TO THE CITIZENRY."

6. SAID MORAN, "MANY SUCCESSES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED IN THIS CONSTANT STRUGGLE AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE IN ADDITION TO THE MORAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE TREASURY POLICE ITS AGENTS WILL BECOME MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SAFEGUARD ORDER AND ERADICATE DELINQUENCY IN ALL ITS FORMS." MORAN SAID THAT WHEN INFOR-MATION IS RECEIVED ABOUT THE FAULTS OF TREASURY POLICE AGENTS THESE ARE "INVESTIGATED EXHAUSTIVELY AND IF THE RESULTS ARE UNFAVORABLE THOSE AGENTS ARE DISMISSED.

7. WE HAVE JUST BEEN TOLD THAT MORAN IS HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY 4/9 AT 1100, AND THEREFORE EXPECT EVEN MORE WAVES OF EXCULPATORY DECLARATIONS.
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